

Boone N. C.
April 7th 1889

For the DEMOCRAT.

For all incorporated towns in this state the law requires an election to be held for Mayor and town commissioners on the first Monday in May of each year. Now what is such an election for? What is the object for which they are elected? Is it merely the honor bestowed upon a citizen or set of citizens, or is it to form a set of laws to govern and protect the town in which such citizens reside?

On the first Monday in May of 1888 at an election held for the town of Boone, N. C. at the court house and held by authorized judges of election, the following ticket received the majority of votes cast and was declared elected. For Mayor W. L. Bryan. For commissioners, J. A. Crisp, B. J. Council Jr. and J. D. Council. These were the men we cast our votes for to give us a clean healthy government. What was the outcome of it? The Mayor of a previous year had, by some means, lost the laws governing our town, the Mayor for the present term made repeated calls for the commissioners of the town to come together in meeting and frame a new set of laws, if I mistake not, I think several meetings were called through the columns of the DEMOCRAT, but the board failed to meet in regular session during the remainder of '88 or so far in '89. Do we need a town government? If you think not, cast your eyes around you and see how many sheep and hogs you can count at a single glance which root up and belittle our streets and deplete on other people's property. Is it fair for people who have no stock, and good citizens too, to be annoyed and put to expense by the stock of others? I say not. Let us elect a set of commissioners who will make laws to equalize—or in other words, give all a fair chance.

A Voter.

Alonso McMillan.

As Lon was a student of Globe Academy one year and is therefore known by many citizens of Caldwell and Watauga who will be glad to know that the law justified his act, we publish the account of his trial in full as given by the Dixie Optic. State vs. Alonso McMillan for the killing of Henry Eller came up for trial Monday April 1st and occupied the attention of the court and jury until Wed. night. Attorneys for the State and prosecution were, in addition to Solicitor Bowers, J. F. Morphey R. Z. Linney and M. M. Parks. For defense were Col. Folke, Capt. J. B. Todd, R. A. Doughton, T. J. Hackler and Frank Hackler. The jury selected was from among the most intelligent gentlemen in the county. The circumstances of the killing are already familiar to our readers, but we will recapitulate them briefly. On the morning of Sep 12 last before day Sheriff Miller with a posse, among whom were Deputy Sheriff James McMillan, Troy Wallace and the McMillan boys Estel and Alonso went to arrest Henry Eller who stood charged with the murder. The four last mentioned were surrounded. Eller being unarmed, he had been

was not known to them for certain whether he was there or not. Upon call being made upon those within by the Officer Mrs. Eller made answer but would not strike a light or admit the officer. Presently it was found that her brother young Baker was there and he came out. The officer was then informed that if Sheriff Miller was sent for he might be admitted to the house. Wallace was sent for Miller who was a quarter of a mile off watching another house. Baker started off then to go to his father's near by. The deputy went with him thus leaving Alonzo Estel only to guard Henry's House, and if he were in to prevent his escape. Soon after this, as each of the two doors of the house were being guarded by the young men, the east door where Estel stood was thrown open, at about the same time the west door where Alonzo stood was also opened part way and the deceased came out. The prosecution here say that the deceased walked out slowly and passed the prisoner who then turned and shot at him twice the last shot taking effect. The defendant says that Eller threw himself upon him knocked him down and as he went down prisoner fired his pistol twice in quick succession and called for Estel. As the latter ran around to the scene of the contest he encountered Eller's wife who had come out the same door with her husband and was apparently passing around to delay Estel. The testimony was long and conflicting. The cause was argued by J. F. Morphey and R. Z. Linney for State and J. W. Todd and Col. Folke for the defense. It is safe to say, that there has been no trial in Ashe County for years that has created such interest as this did. The court house was literally packed with eager hearers among whom were many ladies. The arguments of all the attorneys were among their best efforts. It would seem invidious to make special mention of any, but we must say that the opening by Mr Morphey for the State was an exceedingly logical effort. Our own townsman Capt Todd seemed to have rallied himself for a great effort. We have heard him many times on the stump in the legal forum but never from him, and seldom from any, have we heard a more clear, rounded and perfect argument than was made upon this occasion. Col. Folke closed for the defense. It is needless for us to comment upon his argument. Those who have listened to him know full well, that it was perfect in delivery, full in detail, and rich in legal, historical and poetical lore. Linney's speech was a good one. Judge Armfield's charge occupied about one hour and was full and complete. The jury after being out about two hours returned a verdict of not guilty.—Dixie Optic.

The Eller Case.

George and Coon Eller indicted for larceny in Ashe county had their case moved to Watauga which was tried here Tuesday, taking up the day. The State was represented by Messrs Hackler, Todd, Folke, and the solicitor. The defense by Messrs. Parks, Bower, Morphey and Linney. While the speeches were good, mention

might be made of that Mr. Linney for the defense and the solicitor for the State. These speeches were both unusually fine. That of Mr. Bowers was one of the finest efforts we ever heard, considering the evidence. The jury after being closeted for 12 hours returned a verdict of guilty.

Convention.

The Sunday School Convention of the Three Forks Association met with the Sunday School at Cove Creek church March 29th, 1889. In the absence of Elder I. W. Thomas, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder E. F. Jones. Organized by electing W. S. Farthing chairman and J. F. Spainhour Secretary. Called for Sunday School letters when the following were received: Cove Creek, Beaverdam, Beaverdam no 2 Bethel, and Brushy Fork. Statistics as follows: Cove Creek No. enrolled 69 average 52. Beaverdam No. enrolled 49 average attendance 35, 4 teachers. Beaverdam no 2 enrollment 75. average attendance 31. Bethel enrollment 52, average attendance 32. Brushy Fork enrolled 60 average attendance 30.

All report evergreen Sunday Schools. First question discussed, was what literature should we use by Bro. J. J. L. Sherwood and others favoring the use of the literature published by the Home board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Second should we take our lesson helps to the S. S. or leave it at home? Discussed by J. F. Spainhour favoring to leave it at home.

Third an exegesis of 1st Pet and 19, by brother J. F. Davis and others.

Fourth; What is the best method of bringing S. S. Students to Christ, by brother Harrison Farthing and others. Fifth; The next Sunday School convention will be held with the South Fork Church. Commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in March 1890. Sixth; Committee on religious exercises reported preaching Saturday night Bro. Harrison Farthing and preaching Sunday at 11 o'clock A. M. by Brethren E. F. Jones and I. W. Thomas.

Seventh; Moved that a copy of the Minutes of this convention be prepared and published in the Watauga DEMOCRAT. The Session was very pleasant. We had a model drill Sunday morning by Bro. Alram Rolan.

W. S. Farthing Pres.
J. F. Spainhour Sec.

P. S. The next union meeting will be held with the Church at Shulls Mills commencing on Friday before the 5th Sunday in June 1889.

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This April 1st. 1889.

J. L. HAYES, Sheriff.

J. F. MORPHEW.
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
Marion, N. C.

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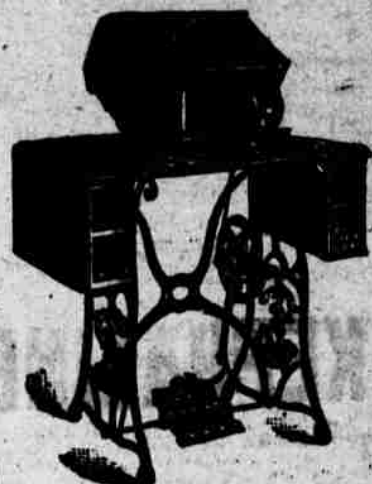
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